

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD 11
GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

*December 6, 2021
Via Zoom Teleconference
Michael Budabin – Chair*

PRESENT AT MEETING

CB 11 Staff:

Joseph Marziliano – District Manager

Christina Coutinho – Community Associate

Elected Officials and/or Representatives Present:

Melinda Katz	Queens District Attorney
Barry Grodenchik	City Council Member
James Mongeluzo	Representing NYC Comptroller Stringer
Katerina Thompson	Representing Queens Borough President Richards
Maria Di Leone	Representing Congress Member Meng
Susan Seinfeld	Representing Council Member Grodenchik
Kate Boehme	Representing Queens DA Katz
Maroua Righi	Representing CCRB
Kiernan Mahoney	Representing NYC Dept. for the Aging
Jon Gallo	Representing State Senator Liu

111th Precinct

PO Galano – Community Affairs Unit

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair, Michael Budabin.

Mr. Budabin led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PO Galano gave the monthly and yearly crime stats. He spoke regarding crime prevention. There is an increase in ATM skimming device crimes. He suggested covering the keypad when typing in your pin number.

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz spoke regarding open cases and policies that the DA's office is working on.

Council Member Barry Grodenchik stated that he is retiring December 31st. He gave a formal goodbye to the community.

City Council Member-Elect Linda Lee introduced herself and spoke of her time on the Board and moving forward in the capacity as Council Member.

Mr. Budabin stated that Barbara Gilliespie resigned from the Board. He thanked Ms. Gilliespie for her services to the community.

James Mongeluzo, representing NYC Comptroller Stringer, stated that the monthly and annual economic reports are on the Comptroller's website.

Katherina Thompson, representing Borough President Richards, gave the current announcements.

Susan Seinfeld will be retiring and gave a final goodbye to the Board.

Maria Di Leone, representing Congress Member Meng, stated the office is open.

Jon Gallo, representing State Senator Liu, gave monthly updates.

Maroua Righi, representing CCRB, discussed how complaints can be filed. Ms. Righi also spoke regarding the Youth Advisory Council program.

Norman Cohn spoke regarding the Mayor's decision in eliminating geographic lines for students applying to HS.

Laura Lee from the Korean Presbyterian Church of Bayside asked for the Board's support with car dealerships that park vehicles waiting for repair on the residential streets. Mr. Budabin asked Mr. Marziliano to look into this matter.

Janet McEneaney spoke regarding the proposed bike lane program. She was opposed to the suggestion of a bike lane on 33rd Avenue from Crocheron Park to Francis Lewis Blvd. Ms. McEneaney said that the Board must inform the community and allow for input. Mr. Budabin stated that there will be a third Transportation Committee meeting on this topic and a vote taken by the full Board at the January meeting.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Sila Asa, Adriana Aviles, Carin Bail, Lana Bind, Lander Bravo, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Justin Chew, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Lourdes December, Paul DiBenedetto, Mary Donahue, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Elias Fillas, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Michael Golia, Rosemarie Guidice, Bernard Haber, Christine Haider, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, Stanley Jin, John Kelly, Jena Lanzetta, Linda Lee, Yosef Lee, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, George Mihaltses, Eileen Miller, Douglas Montgomery, Allan Palzer, Wendy Pelle-Beer, Stephen Pivawer, Stephan Popa, Gunjan Rastogi, Christina Scherer, Jyothi Sriram, Benjamin Turner, Sam Wong

Members Absent

Jason Chen, Vidya Pappachan, Akshar Patel

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November meeting by Mr. Popa. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liatto. Ms. Burke made a correction to the minutes. She amended the minutes by adding *Jessica Burke spoke about the importance of making the audio/video of the general meetings and committee meetings made public*. The amendment was approved. A roll call vote

was taken resulting in 44 in favor, 1 present. The minutes were approved with addition.

(In-Favor - Sila Asa, Adriana Aviles, Carin Bail, Lana Bind, Lander Bravo, Michael Budabin, Jessica Burke, Susan Cerezo, Justin Chew, Sharon Chin, Carmen Collado, Victor Dadras, Lourdes December, Paul DiBenedetto, Mary Donahue, Henry Euler, Mario Ferazzoli, Elias Filas, Jack Fried, Albert Galatan, Joan Garippa, Michael Golia, Rosemarie Guidice, Bernard Haber, Christine Haider, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, Stanley Jin, John Kelly, Jena Lanzetta, Yosef Lee, Robert Liatto, Fleur Martino, George Mihaltses, Eileen Miller, Douglas Montgomery, Wendy Pelle-Beer, Stephen Pivawer, Stephan Popa, Gunjan Rastogi, Christina Scherer, Jyothi Sriram, Benjamin Turner, Sam Wong – Present – Linda Lee)

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Budabin stated that there was a Transportation Committee meeting to discuss the proposed bike lane program. It was decided to have another meeting and then take a full Board vote at the January general meeting. This month's scheduled committee meetings are: Douglaston Zoning, Transportation and Library.

BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Euler gave an update regarding open Board of Standards and Appeals cases. Mr. Euler said that DSNY representatives did not confirm attendance for the scheduled Environmental Committee meeting, therefore, it was canceled. He stated that a Joint Park and Environmental Committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss street tree removal.

Mr. DiBenedetto stated that the Bayside Historical Society was asked to consult with the selection of artwork for PS 41. He said the artwork has been chosen. He also spoke regarding the comment made by Norman Cohn. He said that all City high schools are open to City students. The Mayor and/or DOE are proposing to remove the zoned school status. He explained the importance of zoned schools and requested an Education Committee meeting be scheduled to discuss. Mr. Budabin asked Mr. Chew to schedule an Education Committee meeting.

Ms. Burke stated that the website is missing the link to the May and September written minutes and the November committee meeting minutes are not posted. Ms. Martino discussed how the Board took a vote on posting the audio for general and committee meetings. The Board approved posting the audio for general meetings. Discussion ensued regarding community outreach under the City guidelines.

Mr. Galatan announced that he completed the NYC Marathon. He also spoke on the progress of the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway construction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation Committee – Victor Dadras, Committee Chair. Mr. Dadras spoke regarding the Transportation Committee report of November 22, 2021. He said the Committee voted to have another meeting to discuss the bike lane proposal and then bring it to the full Board at the January general meeting. He stated that there is a full, detailed report of the outline of the proposed bike lanes and asked that each member review for the January meeting. Mr. Dadras spoke regarding the 33rd Avenue proposed location that Ms. McEneaney spoke of. He said that 33rd Avenue was suggested as a potential alternative to 35th Avenue. Mr. Dadras said that input is recommended, and safety is the main concern. Mr. DiBenedetto said that the proposed lanes should be visited in order to make the right decision.

MONTH AHEAD

Mr. Budabin announced the upcoming committee meetings.

The meeting adjourned.